

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1 1. (currently amended) A computerized method for information handling within an
2 operating system, comprising:
3 providing a record retrieval program;
4 providing an input device within a window or screen of the operating system and
5 configured to enter an execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and
6 remote information sources using the record retrieval program;
7 using said record retrieval program to enter first information into search fields
8 provided in said record retrieval program;
9 entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the
10 first information;
11 searching, using the record retrieval program, directly the local and remote infor-
12 mation sources for second information associated with the first information; and
13 displaying the second information in said record retrieval program, when one of
14 the local and remote information sources includes second information associated with the
15 first information.

1 2. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information
4 sources during said searching step; and
5 wherein said displaying step, includes,
6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-
9 formation sources,

10 marking the second information found in the local information source as incon-
11 sistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information
13 source, and
14 displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.

1 ¹3. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly
3 in the local information source.

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1 ¹²4. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
2 the step of using said record retrieval program comprises using said record re-
3 trieval program to enter first information comprising at least one of a name, a title, an ad-
4 dress, a telephone number, and an email address, or a part thereof, into said retrieval pro-
5 gram; and
6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the record retrieval program, the
7 local and remote information sources for second information comprising at least one of a
8 name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, associated with the
9 first information.

1 ¹¹5. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein:
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information
5 sources using the record retrieval program; and

6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-
7 formation comprising one of displaying a message screen with the second information
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 ~~27~~ 6. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing an input device
2 comprises:

3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-
6 gram, using the record retrieval program.

1 ~~27~~ 7. (previously presented) A computer system configured to perform the steps re-
2 cited in any one of Claims 1-~~6~~. ~~27~~

1 ~~28~~ 8. (previously presented) A storage medium storing a program for performing the
2 steps recited in any one of Claims 1-~~6~~. ~~27~~

1 ~~3~~ 9. (original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising:
2 providing a user the option of making changes to he second information directly in the
3 local information source.

1 ~~4~~ 10. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein:
2 the step of using said record retrieval program comprises using said record re-
3 trieval program to enter first information comprising at least one of a name, a title, an ad-
4 dress, a telephone number, and an email address, or a part thereof, into said retrieval pro-
5 gram; and

6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the record retrieval program, the
7 local and remote information sources for second information comprising at least one of a
8 name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, associated with the
9 first information.

1 ~~11~~⁵. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein:

2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information
5 sources using the record retrieval program; and

6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-
7 formation comprising one of displaying a message screen with the second information
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 ~~12~~⁶. (original) The method of Claim 2, wherein the step of providing an input device
2 comprises:

3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-
6 gram, using the record retrieval program.

1 ~~13~~⁷. (original) The method of Claim ~~3~~¹, wherein:

2 the step of using said record retrieval program comprises using said record re-
3 trieval program to enter first information comprising at least one of a name, a title, an ad-
4 dress, a telephone number, and an email address, or a part thereof, into said retrieval pro-
5 gram; and

6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the record retrieval program, the
7 local and remote information sources for second information comprising at least one of a

8 name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, associated with the
9 first information.

1 ⁹14. (original) The method of Claim ¹3, wherein:
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information
5 sources using the record retrieval program; and
6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-
7 formation comprising one of displaying a message screen with the second information
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

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1 ¹⁰15. (original) The method of Claim ¹3, wherein the step of providing an input device
2 comprises:
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-
6 gram, using the record retrieval program.

1 ¹³16. (original) The method of Claim ¹²4, wherein:
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information
5 sources using the record retrieval program; and
6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-
7 formation comprising one of displaying a message screen with the second information
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

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17. (original) The method of Claim ¹²4, wherein the step of providing an input device
2 comprises:
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-
6 gram, using the record retrieval program.

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18. (original) The method of Claim ¹⁷5, wherein the step of providing an input device
2 comprises:
3 providing an input device configured to enter an execute command which initiates
4 a record retrieval from local and remote information sources comprising at least one of a
5 file, a database, a database program, a computer network, and a contact management pro-
6 gram, using the record retrieval program.

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19. (original) The method of Claim ²²6, further comprising:
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information
4 sources during said searching step; and
5 wherein said displaying step, includes,
6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-
9 formation sources,
10 marking the second information found in the local information source as incon-
11 sistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information
13 source, and
14 displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.

1 ²⁴~~20~~. (original) The method of Claim ²²~~6~~, further comprising:
2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly
3 in the local information source.

1 ²⁵~~21~~. (original) The method of Claim ²²~~6~~, wherein:
2 the step of using said record retrieval program comprises using said record re-
3 trieval program to enter first information comprising at least one of a name, a title, an ad-
4 dress, a telephone number, and an email address, or a part thereof, into said retrieval pro-
5 gram; and
6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the record retrieval program, the
7 local and remote information sources for second information comprising at least one of a
8 name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, associated with the
9 first information.

1 ²⁶~~22~~. (original) The method of Claim ²²~~6~~, wherein:
2 the step of providing an input device comprises providing one of a touch screen, a
3 keyboard button, an icon, a menu and a voice command device, configured to enter an
4 execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and remote information
5 sources using the record retrieval program; and
6 the step of displaying the second information comprises displaying the second in-
7 formation comprising one of displaying a message screen with the second information
8 and providing a voiced response of the second information.

1 ²⁷~~23~~. (original) The method of Claim ²²~~6~~, further comprising:
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information
4 sources during said searching step; and
5 wherein said displaying step, includes,
6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-

8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-
9 formation sources,

10 marking the second information found in the local information source as incon-
11 sistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information
13 source, and

14 displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.

1 ²⁰24. (original) The method of Claim ¹⁹5, further comprising:
2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly in the
3 local information source.

b' 1 ²¹25. (original) The method of Claim ¹⁹5, wherein:
2 the step of using said record retrieval program comprises using said record re-
3 trieval program to enter first information comprising at least one of a name, a title, an ad-
4 dress, a telephone number, and an email address, or a part thereof, into said retrieval pro-
5 gram; and
6 the step of searching comprises searching, using the record retrieval program, the
7 local and remote information sources for second information comprising at least one of a
8 name, a title, an address, a telephone number, and an email address, associated with the
9 first information.

1 ¹⁵26. (original) The method of Claim ²⁰4, further comprising:
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information
4 sources during said searching step; and
5 wherein said displaying step, includes,
6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-

8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-
9 formation sources,
10 marking the second information found in the local information source as incon-
11 sistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information
13 source, and
14 displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.

1 ¹⁴~~27~~. (original) The method of Claim ¹²~~4~~, further comprising:
2 providing a user the option of making changes to the second information directly
3 in the local information source.

1 ¹¹~~28~~. (original) The method of Claim ¹~~3~~, further comprising:
2 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-
3 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information
4 sources during said searching step; and
5 wherein said displaying step, includes,
6 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-
7 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
8 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-
9 formation sources,
10 marking the second information found in the local information source as incon-
11 sistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
12 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information
13 source, and
14 displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.

1 29. (New) A computerized method for information handling within an operating system,
2 comprising:

3 providing a record retrieval program;
4 providing an input device within a window or screen of the operating system and
5 configured to enter an execute command which initiates a record retrieval from local and
6 remote information sources using the record retrieval program;
7 using said record retrieval program to enter first information into search fields
8 provided in said record retrieval program;
9 entering the execute command using the input device after the step of entering the
10 first information;
11 searching, using the record retrieval program, directly the local and remote infor-
12 mation sources for second information associated with the first information;
13 displaying the second information in said record retrieval program, when one of
14 the local and remote information sources includes second information associated with the
15 first information;
16 storing the first information in the local information source if no second informa-
17 tion associated with the first information is found in the local and remote information
18 sources during said searching step; and
19 wherein said displaying step, includes,
20 marking the second information found in the local information source as consis-
21 tent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
22 formation associated with the first information is found in both the local and remote in-
23 formation sources,
24 marking the second information found in the local information source as incon-
25 sistent with the second information found in the remote information source, if second in-
26 formation associated with the first information is found in only the local and information
27 source, and
28 displaying the marked second information in said record retrieval program.